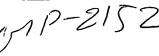


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8.	Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached
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